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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR PRESSES FM IACOVOU TO SUPPORT GUATEMALA  
OVER VENEZUELA FOR A UNSC SEAT

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Classified By: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher; Reason 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) Ambassador made reftel points to FM Iacovou in a February 8 telcon. Iacovou said he was not at all surprised that the United States would oppose a Security Council seat for Venezuela, but he refused to commit one way or the other in terms of the GOC's position. He suggested, instead, that we take the issue up with the MFA's multilateral affairs department.

¶2. (C) On February 10, Polchief delivered the same message on Venezuela to Sotos Liassides, Director of Multilateral Affairs. Liassides stressed that it was much too early for Cyprus to formulate a position on this issue, but noted that Guatemala seemed well-qualified for a position on the Council.  
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